

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MEMORY OF RABBI GORDON

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and leader in the Jewish community, Rabbi Joshua B. Gordon, who passed away on February 8, 2016.

Rabbi Gordon and his wife Deborah came to the San Fernando Valley in 1973 as emissaries of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the worldwide Chabad movement of Judaism. In his more than 40 years of leadership, Rabbi Gordon oversaw the growth of Chabad of the Valley to 26 centers that provide religious education, spiritual inspiration and charitable services to thousands. In fact, Rabbi Gordon's reach was worldwide through his popular audio and video Torah classes that continue to educate people online.

I had the privilege of learning directly from Rabbi Gordon as a congregant of his spiritual home, Chabad of Encino, where I would often attend High Holiday services. The highlight of each Rosh Hashanah was to listen to Rabbi Gordon's stories and parables.

I extend my sincerest condolences to Rabbi Gordon's wife, Rebbetzin Deborah Gordon, and children, Rabbi Yossi Gordon, Yochanon Gordon, Faygie Herzog, Rabbi Eli Gordon, Dena Rabin and Chaya Mushka Drizin; as well as his siblings and 21 grandchildren. A man with 21 grandchildren is truly blessed.

It is Rabbi Gordon's enduring legacy that future generations of Valley residents will learn, grow and come together as a community.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who took their oath of citizenship on Friday, March 11, 2016. This memorable occasion, which was presided over by Magistrate Judge Paul R. Cherry, was held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals

realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On March 11, 2016, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Juliane Makhoul Mikhael, Monika Cadikovska, Chaudhry Abdul Sattar, Ali Yigit, Nicolae Tarfulea, Nicoleta Eugenia Tarfulea, Chandrashekar Reddy Cholleti, Juan Juarez Hernandez, Young Suk Lee, Sylvia Cathy Gould, Stanko Cude, Logain Alsatti, Lars Olof Wahlen, Rigoberto Acosta Ramirez, Danilo Legaspi Bautista, Solange Jones, Angela Elizabeth Snider, Jorge Carranza Martinez, Lilibeth Catudan Natividad, Glenda Ragob Bakalar, Gilberto Antonio Benavides Alvarez, Chuto Victoria Emeka-Daniels, Heriberto Garcia, Jasmina Golabovska, Francisco Cordova Hernandez, Pamela Mendoza Lawrence, Nora Cylla Menad, Miguel Meza, Sandra Miramontes Mungula, and Parfait Karim Ukobizaba.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who became citizens of the United States of America on March 11, 2016. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING YONKERS POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Yonkers' oldest and most distinguished institutions, the Yonkers Police Benevolent Association, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2016. Our Yonkers police do such a fantastic job of keeping us safe, and it is my pleasure to be able to honor the Yonkers PBA on their historic milestone.

The Yonkers Police Department was first established in 1871, though the group would not be incorporated for several more decades.

On September 8, 1916 A.S. Tompkins, Justice of the Westchester County Supreme Court, approved and signed the certificate of incorporation for the Yonkers Police Association. The first president of the Police Association who was elected in 1916 was "Patrolman" John F. Dahill. Upon his election, he was dubbed the "Father of the Police Association" and served in that capacity for several years.

Today the former Yonkers Police Association (YPA), later renamed the Yonkers "Police Benevolent Association" (PBA), continues to serve as an advocate and effective voice for its entire membership. And while working to foster a spirit of camaraderie amongst its members, it also works toward developing a greater understanding, mutual respect, and a helpful relationship with the citizens its members serve so proudly.

I want to congratulate all the members of the Yonkers PBA on 100 years of service to the community, and thank them for all they do to keep us safe and secure in Yonkers.

IN TRIBUTE OF HANNES SCHNEIDER, AND THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HANNES SCHNEIDER MEISTER CUP RACE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Hannes Schneider Meister Cup Race which honors the Austrian skimeister Hannes Schneider. Schneider was a vital figure in creating the modern skiing technique, ski instruction and mountain resort industry that we know today. Additionally, he was featured in several ski films and published a book, *The Wonders of Skiing*, in 1931.

In 1938 Schneider was imprisoned by Austrian Nazis due to his rejection of their dogma, despite protests from the international skiing community. Thankfully, nine months later Schneider's freedom was obtained by international financier, North Conway native and Mount Cranmore founder Harvey Dow Gibson. On February 11th, 1939, Schneider and his family arrived in North Conway to begin their new lives in New Hampshire.

Schneider immediately gave back to the country that welcomed him. During World War II, he served as a trainer for the 10th Mountain Division. He taught the soldiers skiing, a skill that served them well during mountain warfare. His son joined this unit, and served honorably during the war. The soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division would go on to be some of the essential figures in the development of US skiing after the war.

Once victory was won, Schneider used the instruction skills he honed during the war at his soon to be world famous Hannes Schneider Ski School on Mount Cranmore. Schneider created the Airlberg skiing instruction technique. This widely used method teaches students to start out skiing in a wedge or pizza

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